

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



COMMUNION SERVICE

8:00 a.m. | Cedarholm Chapel

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ calls us to venture into the depths and the unknown.
We trust the One who calls us.

The Church is ever being renewed by God's grace.
Reformed and reforming, we follow Christ into the world.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one body in Christ.
Together, let us worship God!

* HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call your church into newness of life.
**Yet we grasp for the familiar,
fear what lies beyond the shore,
and make your church about ourselves rather than your mission.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Renew us by your Spirit.
Give us courage to cast our nets further out
and follow wherever Christ leads.
Through Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. Amen. *(Silence is held.)***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Church rests not upon our perfection,
but upon the grace of Jesus Christ.
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Alleluia, Amen!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11 *(NT, page 62.)*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Seafaring Faith: Put Out into the Water

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
we thank you for meeting us at this table with the gift of your presence
and grace. As you have nourished us with the bread of life and the cup
of salvation, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Send us into the world with
thankful hearts, ready to love, serve, and follow Christ each day. In his
holy name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

BENEDICTION

TITHES AND OFFERING

Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship. Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry. Text "KITH" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

POSTLUDE

Cover Art: Fish - one of the tiles in the collection of Confirmation Class crosses, located in the hallway on the 2nd floor Abbey.



A Note from Pastor Edwin!

*Friend there is a welcome in this church for thee;
Come in and rest and think and kneel and pray;
What men have builded for God's glory see;
Give thanks and so in peace be on thy way.*

(As seen above the red front exterior door of our Sanctuary.)

Welcome to Kirk in the Hills! Whether you are a longtime member, a returning friend, or a seeker exploring the Christian faith, we are glad you are here. We pray that you will encounter the transforming love of God, find a welcoming community, and discover how Christ is calling you to live, love, and serve.

As we gather on Reformation Sunday, we remember the movement that reshaped the Christian Church beginning in the sixteenth century. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther challenged practices and teachings he believed had obscured the Gospel. His call to reform the Church helped spark a wider movement across Europe. Among its fruits was the Reformed tradition, shaped by John Calvin and others, from which the Presbyterian Church emerged. We inherit a rich tradition emphasizing the sovereignty of God, the authority of Scripture, salvation by grace through faith, and the ongoing work of reforming the Church according to the Word of God.

Yet Reformation Sunday carries a measure of sorrow, too. The divisions that followed fractured Christ's Church and, at times, fueled generations of hostility and violence. We give thanks for our heritage without claiming that any one tradition possesses the fullness of Christ. Instead, we pray for the unity Jesus desires for his followers, seeking a Church that holds its convictions with grace, welcomes honest questions, and bears witness to the love that transcends our differences. This is even more important during election cycles when our differences are magnified, and in some cases exaggerated, and pitted against one another.

This Sunday, we continue our stewardship series, *A Seafaring Faith*, with the sermon "**Put Out into the Deep,**" drawing on Luke 5:1–11. When Jesus calls Simon Peter to push his boat into deeper water, he invites him beyond familiar shores and into a life transformed by trust. Faith, like sailing, requires more than remaining safely at anchor. It calls us to venture where Christ leads, trusting that God can do more through us than we can accomplish alone.

That invitation speaks directly to stewardship. Our time, talents, and treasure are not simply resources to manage; they are gifts entrusted to us for God's purposes. As we consider our pledges and the future of Kirk in the Hills, we are asking a deeper question: **Are we willing to put out into the deep for the sake of Christ and the world God loves?**

May our Reformed heritage keep us rooted in grace, our prayers draw us toward unity, and our stewardship set our sails toward God's horizon. Let us worship God!

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

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